

IN THE CLAIMS:

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2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The device of Claim 1 further comprising:~~  
A body tissue cutting device comprising:

a handle section and first and second grasping arms extending from the handle section, said first and second grasping arms being resiliently mounted to the handle section to allow closure of the grasping arms by hand, said first and second grasping arms each having a proximal end and a distal end with a grasping face disposed on the grasping end of each grasping arm, said grasping face on each grasping arm aligned to meet the grasping face of the other grasping arm upon closure of the grasping arms; and

a wire disposed upon the grasping face of the first grasping arm so that it lies between the grasping face of the first grasping arm and the grasping face of the second grasping arm upon closure of the grasping arms, said wire being operably connected to a source of electrical power, said wire being secured to the distal end of the first grasping arm and extending proximally over the grasping face of the first grasping arm toward the proximal end of the first grasping arm,

a resilient surface on wherein the grasping face of the first grasping arm; has a resilient surface between the wire and the grasping face of the arm.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device of Claim 1 ~~2~~ further comprising:  
 a sleeve covering the distal end of the first grasping arm, thereby forming a surface on the grasping face of the ~~second~~ first grasping arm, said sleeve being separated from the distal end of the first grasping arm by a small fluid-filled gap.

3/ 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device of Claim 1/2 further comprising:  
a resilient sleeve covering the distal end of the second grasping arm,  
thereby forming a resilient surface on the grasping face of the second grasping arm.

4/ 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device of Claim 1/2 further comprising:  
a resilient surface on the grasping face of each of the first and second  
grasping arms.

5/ 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device of Claim 1/2 further comprising:  
a sleeve covering the distal end of the first grasping arm, thereby forming a  
surface on the grasping face of the first grasping arm, between the wire and the grasping  
face of the arm, said sleeve being distanced from the distal end by a small fluid-filled gap  
; , and

a resilient sleeve covering the distal end of the second grasping arm,  
thereby forming a resilient surface on the grasping face of the second grasping arm.

B1 6/ 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device of Claim 1/2 wherein the  
grasping arms comprise a pair of tweezers.

7/ 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The device of Claim 1/2 wherein the  
grasping arms comprise a forceps.

8/ 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A medical device comprising:  
a pair of tweezers characterized by a first grasping arm and a second  
grasping arm, each of said ~~arm~~ grasping arms having a proximal end and a distal end,  
said first grasping arm having a first gripping face ~~disposes~~ disposed on the distal end  
thereof, said second grasping arm having a second gripping face ~~disposes~~ disposed on the  
distal end thereof, said gripping faces ~~being~~ defining surfaces generally perpendicular to

a plane defined by the grasping arms, said surfaces being movable into apposition with each other upon closing of the tweezers;

a first layer of resilient material disposed on the gripping face of the first grasping arm;

a second layer of resilient material disposed on the gripping face of the second grasping arm; and

a wire disposed between ~~of~~ the first and second layers of resilient material so as to be trapped between the gripping faces of the first and second ~~arm~~ grasping arms upon closing of the tweezers.

9 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A medical device comprising:  
 B 1 a pair of forceps characterized by a first grasping arm and a second grasping arm, each of said ~~arm~~ grasping arms having a proximal end and a distal end, each of said ~~arm~~ grasping arms being rotatably fixed to the other at a midpoint thereof, said first grasping arm having a first gripping face ~~disposes~~ disposed on the distal end thereof, said second grasping arm having a second gripping face ~~disposes~~ disposed on the distal end thereof, said gripping faces ~~being~~ defining surfaces generally perpendicular to a plane defined by the grasping arms, said surfaces being movable into apposition with each other upon closing of the forceps;

a first layer of resilient material disposed on the gripping face of the first grasping arm;

a second layer of resilient material disposed on the gripping face of the second grasping arm; and

a wire disposed between of the first and second layers of resilient material so as to be trapped between the gripping faces of the first and second ~~arm~~ grasping arms upon closing of the forceps,

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A medical device comprising:  
 a laparoscopic grasper characterized by a first grasping arm and a second grasping arm, each of said ~~arm~~ grasping arms having a proximal end and a distal end, each of said ~~arm~~ grasping arms being ~~rotatably~~ rotatable relative to the other about a point near the distal end thereof, said grasping arms being adapted to be inserted into the body and to be rotatably opened and closed upon each other within the body, said first grasping arm having a first gripping face disposed on the distal end thereof, said second grasping arm having a second gripping face ~~disposes~~ disposed on the distal end thereof, said gripping faces ~~being~~ defining surfaces generally perpendicular to a plane defined by the grasping arms, and said surfaces being movable into apposition with each other upon closing of the graspers;

a first layer of resilient material disposed on the gripping face of the first grasping arm;

a second layer of resilient material disposed on the gripping face of the second grasping arm; and

a wire disposed between of the first and second layers of resilient material so as to be trapped between the gripping faces of the first and second ~~arm~~ grasping arms upon closing of the graspers.